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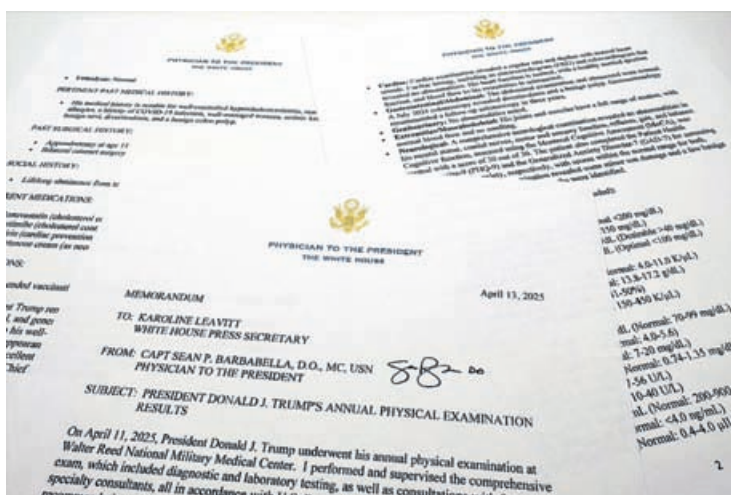
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Trump is 'fully fit' to serve as commander in chief, his doctor says after recent physical

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Donald Trump's doctor says the oldest man elected president is "fully fit" to serve as commander in chief as the White House released results Sunday of Trump's recent physical exam. The 78-year-old Trump is 20 pounds lighter since his checkup as president in 2020 showed him bordering on obesity. His physician, Navy Capt. Sean Barbabella, cited an "active lifestyle" that "continues to contribute significantly" to the Republican president's well-being. Trump turns 79 on June 14. In a three-page summary of the comprehensive exam from Friday, the doc-



The report on President Donald Trump's health after his physical on April 11, 2025, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, released by the White House on behalf of his physician Navy Capt. Sean Barbabella, is photographed Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Associated Press

tor said Trump is "fully fit to execute the duties of Commander-in-Chief and Head of State." Trump weighed 224 at the checkup, down from 244 at that physical

more than four years ago. The summary noted that Trump previously had cataract surgery on both eyes, but did not include a date or dates. A common procedure among aging people, the surgery typically involves removing a cloudy eye lens and replacing it with an artificial lens to help clear up vision. In July 2024, according to the report, then-candidate Trump had a colonoscopy that found a benign polyp and the condition called diverticulosis. It's a common condition in which the walls of the intestine weaken with age. It can lead to inflammation, though most people with it never experience any problems. Trump again passed a Montreal Cognitive Assessment test, a short screening test to assess different brain functions, Barbabella wrote. The test includes remembering a list of spoken words and listening to a list of random numbers and repeating them backward, among other questions. Known as MoCA, it's the same test Trump took in 2018 and later recounted in an interview in which he described reciting a list of words in order: "Person. Woman. Man. Camera. TV." The president also was screened Friday for depression and anxiety, and had normal scores on questionnaires for those conditions, according to the report. Trump may be the oldest person elected to the nation's highest office, but he is four years behind Democrat Joe Biden, who was 82 when his presidential term ended in January. Barbabella wrote that Trump remains in "excellent health" with "robust" cardiac, pulmonary, neurological and general physical function." The doctor said Trump's days include participating in multiple meetings, public appearances, media availabilities and "frequent victories in golf events." Trump is an avid golfer who said he recently won tournaments played at clubs he owns in Florida

Trump's cholesterol levels have improved over time, helped by the medications rosuvastatin and ezetimibe. At his physical in January 2018, his total cholesterol was 223. In early 2019, the reading came in at 196 and it stood at 167 in 2020. Today it is 140. Ideally, total cholesterol should be less than 200. His blood pressure was 128 over 74. That is considered elevated, and people in that situation are likely to develop high blood pressure unless steps are taken to control the condition. Trump has a resting heart rate of 62 beats per minute, in line with previous tests. A normal resting heart rate for adults ranges from 60 beats to 100 beats per minute, and generally, a lower rate implies better cardiovascular fitness. Trump also takes aspirin, which can reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke. The exam found minor sun damage to Trump's skin and a few benign lesions, but no concerning lesions or growth. It also confirmed scarring on Trump's right ear from a gunshot wound during an assassination attempt at a Butler, Pennsylvania, campaign rally in July 2024. Barbabella performed and supervised the medical examination of Trump and said it included diagnostic and laboratory testing in addition to consultations with 14 specialists. Barbabella is a decorated Navy physician who specializes in emergency and tactical medicine and served several tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has a Purple Heart and a Legion of Merit award, two of the military's highest honors. Barbabella is also the third consecutive osteopathic doctor to serve as physician to the president, following Biden's doctor and one of the doctors who cared for Trump in his first term. Barbabella ran a naval health clinic in Havelock, North Carolina, before Trump tapped him for the job. □

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State Department wants staff to report instances of alleged anti-Christian bias during Biden's term

By **MATTHEW LEE**
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— As the Christian world commemorates Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday, the State Department has issued an appeal for its employees to report instances of alleged anti-Christian bias, including formal or informal actions due to opposition to vaccines or personal pronoun choice, that may have occurred during the Biden administration.

The call comes amid heightened fear and anxiety in the American diplomatic corps, which is bracing for a new update on the Department of Government Efficiency -inspired budget and staff cuts that is due to be presented to the White House on Monday. That update is expected to include the State Department's latest estimates of voluntary retirements and separations and how those will affect potential future layoffs to meet benchmarks from Elon Musk's DOGE and the government's human resources agency, according to officials familiar with the process.

But these officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters, said the update to the White House Office of Personnel Management would not be the final word on the reorganization of the State Department. And, they denied speculation amongst the rank and file that Secretary of State Marco Rubio had refused to sign off on the document. While foreign and civil service employees await word on their futures, the State Department has moved ahead with an initiative aimed at rooting out religious bias in its policies



The Harry S. Truman Building, headquarters for the State Department, is seen in Washington, March 9, 2009.

Associated Press

and hiring practices with a specific emphasis on anti-Christian activity that may have occurred under President Joe Biden.

There is no immediate indication that such discrimination, as defined by President Donald Trump's State Department, took place under Biden.

In a cable sent Friday to all U.S. diplomatic missions, Rubio asked that staffers report any perceived discriminatory actions taken against Christians or employees advocating on their behalf between January 2021 and January 2025. The cable, copies of which were obtained by The Associated Press, says that all reported allegations will be investigated by a government-wide task force on anti-Christian bias and if discrimination is found the culprits may be disciplined. It also makes clear that allegations can be submitted anonymously.

"The task force will collect information and ideas from individuals and groups, including Department em-

ployees, affected by anti-Christian bias or other religious discriminatory conduct," the cable says.

"The task force is soliciting examples of anti-religious bias, particularly from the past four years, where the Department targeted anyone for their religion, including discrimination, harassment, exclusion, disciplinary action, adverse security clearance determinations, or any other adverse action, or in retaliation for exercising their religious rights," the cable said. "This includes anti-religious bias committed by department employees in their official duties against members of the public."

Examples of potential violations include formal or informal actions taken against a person because they requested religious accommodation "from taking mandatory vaccines or observing religious holidays " and "mistreatment for refusing to participate in events and activities that promoted themes inconsistent with or hostile to one's religious

beliefs, including policies or practices related to preferred personal pronouns," according to the cable. Others include "mistreatment for opposing displays of flags, banners or other paraphernalia on or in government facilities because of religious objection or for opposing official media content due to religious objections, forcing employees to remove personal displays of religious faith or conscience, whether as part of clothing/accessories items on desks or in personal workspace," the cable said. In non-governmental chat groups and elsewhere, some State Department employees expressed alarm over the cable, particularly as it was issued shortly after the promotion of a junior foreign service officer to temporarily run the department's human resources office, the Bureau of Global Talent Management.

Lew Olowski assumed that job last week and in his first comments to employees gave a welcome address

to a new class of incoming diplomats that cited both Biblical verses and religiously themed quotes from President Abraham Lincoln. After swearing in the new class with the oath to Constitution, Olowski told them: "Oaths and words are different. Words are for talking. Dolphins can talk. Oaths are covenants. Animals do not covenant. Only God and man can make covenants."

"To an officer of the United States like you and me, the Constitution is our commandment. Its words are like the word of God and the words of the oath are our creation as officers," he said, according to a transcript of his remarks.

"And these words are our beginning. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God," he said, before praising foreign service officers who have died while in service to the country.

In a perhaps unusual coincidence, reports of anti-Christian or other religious bias are to be reported to Olowski's wife, Heather, who is the head of the State Department's office of civil rights.

Last week, the American Foreign Service Association, which represents U.S. diplomats, the American Academy of Diplomacy said Olowski's appointment was an affront to the long-held standard that the post be occupied by either a current senior or retired career diplomat. His numerous pro-Trump and anti-immigrant writings in conservative publications over the past several years had been widely shared among internal group chats. □

Schumer seeks to halt flights for New York helicopter company after deadly Hudson River crash

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Sen. Chuck Schumer is calling on federal authorities to revoke the operating permits of the helicopter tour company whose sightseeing chopper broke apart in midair and plunged into the Hudson River Thursday, killing a family of five visiting from Spain and the pilot, a Navy SEAL veteran.

At a press conference Sunday, Schumer said the company, New York Helicopter Tours, should be required to halt all flights as the National Transportation Safety Board investigates the deadly crash.

The Senate Democrat minority leader also called on the Federal Aviation Administration to ramp up safety inspections for other helicopter tour companies, accusing them of "cutting corners and putting profits over people."

The victims included passengers Agustin Escobar, 49, his wife, Mercè Camprubí Montal, 39, and their three children, Victor, 4, Mercedes, 8, and Agustin, 10. The pilot was Sean Kesse Johnson, 36, a U.S. Navy veteran who received his commercial pilot's license



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., joined at left by Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., speaks to reporters before the start of a voting marathon as Senate Republicans push the next step to pass President Donald Trump's budget agenda, at the Capitol, in Washington, Friday, April 4, 2025.

Associated Press

in 2023.

"One of the things we can do to honor those lives and try to save others is to make sure it doesn't happen again," Schumer said. "We know there is one thing for sure about New York City's helicopter tour companies: they have a deadly track record."

Thursday's crash has renewed safety concerns about New York's sightsee-

ing excursions, a popular tourist draw that whisks passengers high above the city, offering soaring views of the Statue of Liberty, the World Trade Center and other landmarks.

In the last two decades, five helicopters on commercial sightseeing flights have fallen into the Hudson and East rivers as a result of mechanical failures, pilot errors or collisions, killing 20

people.

The president of New York Helicopter Tours, Michael Roth, did not respond to phone and email inquiries. The company said in a statement published on its website that it was cooperating with authorities in the investigation.

In response to Schumer's calls for more oversight, an industry group, Eastern Region Helicopter Council,

said Manhattan's sightseeing choppers "already operate under the most stringent of regulations."

"We stand ready to work with leaders on finding ways to ensure the safety and preservation of our businesses and aviation community," the group said.

Critics of the industry have long sought to limit or entirely ban nonessential helicopter flights from taking off above the city, though they have had limited success. After New York City capped the number of flights that could take off from Manhattan heliports at 30,000 annually in 2016, many companies moved operations to New Jersey.

Two years later, in 2018, five people died when a helicopter offering "open door" flights crashed in the East River after a passenger's restraint tether snagged on a fuel switch, stopping the engine.

The cause of Thursday's crash is not yet determined. According to Schumer, rescue divers were continuing to search for the helicopter's main rotor and assembly gear box, which would give clues about what happened. □

Police say they are investigating an arson attack at the Pennsylvania governor's residence



The windows and door is damaged from an overnight fire at the governor's official residence on Sunday, April 13, 2025 in Harrisburg, Pa.

Associated Press

By MARC LEVY

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro and his family were

evacuated overnight from the official governor's residence after someone set fire to the building, police said Sunday.

No one was injured and the fire was extinguished, according to authorities.

The fire broke out overnight on the first night of the Jewish holiday of Passover, which Shapiro and his family had celebrated at the governor's official residence in the state capital of Harrisburg. Pennsylvania State Police said in a statement that, while the investigation was ongoing, they were "prepared to say at this time that this was an act of arson."

State police gave no other details about the cause of the fire at the Susquehanna Riverfront mansion but said it caused a "significant amount of damage" to a portion of the residence.

Shapiro and his family had been sleeping in a different part of the residence, police said. In a statement, Shapiro, viewed as a potential White House contender for the Democratic Party in 2028, said he and his family awoke at about 2 a.m. to bangs on the door from the Pennsylvania State Police after the fire broke out.

The Harrisburg Bureau of Fire was called to the residence and, while they worked to put out the fire, police evacuated Shapiro and his family from the residence safely, Shapiro said. "Thank God no one was injured and the fire was extinguished," Shapiro said in a statement.

On Sunday, fire dam-

age was visible on the residence's south side, primarily to a large room often used for entertaining crowds and art displays. Large west-facing windows were completely missing their glass panes and doors stood ajar amid signs of charring.

There was a police presence Sunday as yellow tape cordoned off an alleyway, investigators observed the damage inside and an officer led a dog outside an iron security fence before investigators sawed off a section from the top of the security fence on the residence's south side. They wrapped it in heavy black plastic and took it away in a vehicle. □

Foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in Central Europe leads to animal culls and border closures

By JUSTIN SPIKE
Associated Press

LEVÉL, Hungary (AP) — Authorities in several countries in Central Europe are working to contain an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among cattle populations that has caused widespread border closures and required the killing of thousands of animals.

The outbreak was first detected on a cattle farm in northwestern Hungary in early March, and animals on three farms in neighboring Slovakia tested positive for the highly transmissible virus two weeks later.

Since then, animals from an additional three farms in Hungary and another three in Slovakia have tested positive for the virus, the first outbreak of the disease in either country in more than half a century.

"Everything is completely upside down" in the area as farmers fear for their own herds and transportation is disrupted by border closures, said Sándor Szoboszlai, a local entrepreneur and hunter in the Hungarian town of Levél where nearly 3,000 cattle had to be culled after the disease was discovered on a farm.

"We didn't even think such a thing could happen. Who could count on that? Nobody," he said. "There are



A firefighter sprays a truck with disinfectant to try to prevent the spread of a the highly infectious foot-and-mouth disease from Slovakia at the border in Lanzhot, Czech Republic, Friday, April 11, 2025.

big farms in the area, but I don't think it was the fault of the animal owners, that's for sure. The wind blew it here." Foot-and-mouth disease primarily affects cloven-hooved animals like cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and deer, and results in fevers and blisters in the mouth and hooves. The virus spreads through contact between animals, or on surfaces like clothing, skin and vehicles, or on the wind. It poses little danger to humans.

On Friday, authorities in

Hungary continued to conduct operations aimed at stopping the spread of the disease and disinfecting affected farms and vehicles in the area. Mats doused in a powerful disinfectant were placed at the entrances and exits of towns and villages across the region to eliminate virus molecules that may cling to tires — though many of those mats quickly went dry and were swept partially off the road by passing vehicles.

This week, the Slovakian gov-

ernment, citing insufficient containment measures by Hungary, closed 16 of their common borders and one with Austria, all of them lesser-trafficked crossings so authorities can focus on conducting border checks at the major ones. Last week, Austria — where there have been no reported cases — closed 23 of its border crossings with Hungary and Slovakia.

Authorities in the Czech Republic, relatively distant from the Hungarian and Slovakian

farms where the disease has been detected, have introduced disinfection measures at all the five border truck crossings used by freight trucks entering the country.

Jiri Cerny, associate professor at the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague, said the most significant risk of transmission is "through contaminated human objects" such as "tires and cars, on the soles of shoes, and through contaminated food." The Czech Agriculture Minister, Marek Výborný, has said the restrictions could be lifted 30 days after the last farm animal infected with foot-and-mouth disease has been culled in Slovakia.

No new infections have been discovered in Hungary this week, and the cleanup of the last infected farms will likely be completed on Saturday, István Nagy, Hungary's agricultural minister said on Friday.

Without citing specific evidence to back his claims, Gergely Gulyás, chief of staff to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, said it couldn't be ruled out that the disease had been released in Hungary as a "biological attack," adding that the suspicion was based on verbal statements from a laboratory in a foreign country that had begun initial analysis of viral samples. □

Associated Press

New armed extremist group claims responsibility for bombing near Greece's rail headquarters

By DEMETRIS NELLAS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A new extremist group claimed responsibility Sunday for a bomb that exploded near the offices of Hellenic Train, Greece's main railway services operator and the planting of another near the Labor Ministry in early February.

The explosion Friday evening resulted in limited damage and no injuries. The perpetrators had forewarned of the explosion by calling two media organizations about 40 minutes before it happened.

In a lengthy posting on the

website Athens.indymedia.org on Sunday, the perpetrators, who styled themselves the Revolutionary Class Struggle, explained the reasons for their action, which they said was part of an armed struggle against the state.

Revolutionary Class Struggle dedicated the bombings to "the Palestinian people and their heroic resistance" and paid tribute to Kyriakos Xymitiris, a man who was killed last year when the explosive device he was assembling exploded in a central Athens apartment. The explosion also came during widespread public

anger over a 2023 railway disaster, Greece's worst, in which 57 people were killed and dozens more injured when a freight train and a passenger train heading in opposite directions were accidentally put on the same track.

The deadly accident exposed severe deficiencies in Greece's railway system, including in safety systems, and has triggered mass protests led by relatives of the victims against the country's conservative government on the occasion of the accident's second anniversary. In its statement, which serves as a sort of manifesto,



A municipal worker cleans the area outside Hellenic Train headquarters, Greece's main railway company, following a bomb explosion Friday night causing limited damage but no injuries, in Athens, Greece, on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

Associated Press

Revolutionary Class Struggle connects the accident with what it called the "murders"

of the proletariat in the form of workplace accidents, by capitalists. □

Hong Kong's biggest pro-democracy party gets mandate to move closer to disbandment

By KANIS LEUNG

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's biggest pro-democracy party on Sunday received its members' mandate to proceed with steps toward a potential disbandment, part of the erosion of political freedoms as China cracks down on dissent in the southern city. Democratic Party Chairman Lo Kin-hei said over 90% of the members who took part in the vote supported the motion to let the central committee take up the procedure toward disbandment. He said he hopes there will be a final vote in the coming months. "Unless there is a big change, I believe this inclination will be maintained in the next general meeting," he said, adding that the party would continue with its work until then. The process might not finish this year, said vice chair Mok Kin-shing.

The party's decision reflects the dwindling semi-autonomy and freedoms promised to the former British colony when it returned to China's rule in 1997. The moderate political party has effectively become a pressure group, members say. Lo earlier said the decision was made based on



Lo Kin-hei, left, chairman of Hong Kong's Democratic Party and Mok Kin-shing, vice chairman, pose for photographs at a press conference at the office of Hong Kong's Democratic Party in Hong Kong on Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Associated Press

the current political situation and social climate. Party veterans told The Associated Press that some members were warned of consequences if the party didn't shut down. Massive anti-government protests in 2019 led China to impose a sweeping national security law that was used to prosecute many leading activists. Some of the party's former lawmakers are now in prison, and the party has been absent

from elections after authorities overhauled the electoral system to ensure only "patriots" can run. The Democratic Party, founded in 1994, is one of the few remaining pro-democracy groups that still speak out from time to time following the closure of dozens of civil society groups under the shadow of the security law. They include the city's once second-largest pro-democracy party and a decades-old group that

organized the annual vigil to commemorate Beijing's Tiananmen crackdown in 1989. The party had long positioned itself as a moderate pro-democracy force. Some of its former members joined the government as senior officials. Its willingness to negotiate with Beijing led to its proposal being included in a 2010 political reform package — a move that drew harsh criticism from some members

and other democracy advocates who wanted more sweeping changes. Prominent party members include Martin Lee, nicknamed the city's "father of democracy," Albert Ho, former leader of the group that organized Tiananmen vigils, and journalist-turned-activist Emily Lau. Lau and former lawmaker Fred Li were among the members who attended Sunday's meeting. Lo said about 110 members voted in person or through proxies. Former chairman Yeung Sum said it was a pity that the party was preparing to disband. He said he believed the "one country, two systems" is the most viable system for the city under Beijing's rule. Hong Kong's open society and pluralistic culture under the relative democratic political system is beneficial to the future of the local community and China's economic development, he said. He believes Hong Kongers who tasted an open political system and the rule of law would not give it up. "The political culture and the fight for democracy will carry on in Hong Kong in a peaceful and relational manner," he said. □



M23 rebels patrol the streets of Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025.

Associated Press

By JUSTIN KABUMBA and JEAN-YVES KAMALE

Associated Press

GOMA, Congo (AP) — At least 50 people were killed in weekend attacks in Congo's conflict-battered east, authorities said Sat-

urday. The government traded blame with Rwanda-backed rebels over who was responsible for the violence that quickly escalated the conflict in the region. The renewed violence that

At least 50 people killed in east Congo as government and Rwanda-backed rebels trade blame

residents reported in and around the region's largest city of Goma — which the M23 rebels control — was the biggest threat yet to ongoing peace efforts by both the Gulf Arab state of Qatar and African nations in the conflict that has raised fears of regional warfare. Goma resident Amboma Safari recounted how his family of four spent the night under their bed as they heard gunfire and bomb blasts through Friday night. "We saw corpses of soldiers, but we don't know which group they are from,"

Safari said. In the second city of Bukavu, which the M23 also controls, dozens of the armed Wazalendo local militia members who fight alongside Congolese forces marched for a few hours towards the local airport as they appeared to stage a challenge against the rebels. The group, which later retreated, declared a ceasefire on Sunday to give ongoing peace talks "a chance." The decades-long conflict between Congo and the M23 rebels escalated in January, when the rebels made an unprecedented

advance and seized the strategic eastern Congolese city of Goma, followed by the town of Bukavu in February. The latest fighting has killed some 3,000 people and worsened what was already one of the world's largest humanitarian crises, with around 7 million people displaced. In a statement, Congo's Ministry of Interior said 52 people were killed between Friday and Saturday, including a person shot dead at Goma's Kyeshero Hospital. The ministry blamed the attack on M23. □



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but it was his mother who recognized his innate talent for creating delicious food. She encouraged him to pursue his culinary dreams, and he hasn't looked back.

David's culinary journey took him to Nova Escuela and Cenfutur in Lima, where he refined his skills and deepened his understanding of Peruvian cuisine. He had the privilege of working at Madam Tusan, a restaurant by the internationally acclaimed Chef Gaston Acurio, a true inspiration in the culinary world. This experience instilled in him a commitment to quality and innovation.

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Aruban legends: Frenchman's Pass

(Oranjestad)—If you ever plan on taking a group tour of the island, you may pass through the Frenchman's Pass in Balashi. The Frenchman's pass (known to locals as "Franse Pas") remains a mysterious—and spooky—road of which its legend is told from generation to generation.

The history of the Frenchman's pass—and how it got its name—dates back to the colonization era, when the French tried to colonize the island, but were met with an angry mob of indigenous settlers, refusing to give up their

land. However, as the French were heavily equipped with fire arms, the indigenous settlers began to retreat, and hid away in nearby caves. The French colonizers tried to smoke them out of the caves, but the indigenous settlers ended up inhaling too much smoke and most died in those caves. From then on, this passage was known as Frenchman's Pass, and there have been many accounts of spirits roaming the area of Spanish Lagoon.

There are many ghost stories surrounding this area, but one of the most famous one

involves a lonely hitchhiker, trying to find a ride back home in the dark rainy night.

Sometime after trying to hitchhike, the man saw a car approaching, appearing almost ghost-like in the rain. However, since he needed a ride real bad, he didn't think twice and jumped in. But to his horror, he noticed that there was no driver in the front. Paralyzed with fear, he didn't dare to get out, and the car started to move.

When approaching a sharp turn, the hitch hiker braced

for impact, but just when he thought the car might drive straight off the road and crash, he saw a hand appear out the window and turn the wheel. For the next few turns, the hand appeared again. After having had enough, the man decided to jump out and he ran to Santa Cruz.

Arriving at a nearby bar, he ordered a drink and began to tell everyone about his experience. Everyone grew quiet, because they realized he wasn't some drunk messing around; he was telling the truth.

Sometime later, two men walked into the bar and one of them noticed the hitchhiker. He called out to his buddy and said: "Look, there's the idiot who sat in our car when we were pushing it!"

French man's pass is one of the few sites on the island that keeps the locals on their toes. While most ghost stories may not have real grounds—or some may even be a set up story for a joke, this pass contributes a lot to our culture of folkloric story-telling. □

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Visit the historic museum at Fort Zoutman!

(Oranjestad)—Located in the middle of downtown Oranjestad, situated right next to the government building "Cocolishi", is one of the oldest buildings of Aruba: Fort Zoutman. First constructed in 1796, this site has been used (or left unused) in many ways and have survived eras of war and attempted dismantling.

When anyone refers to Fort Zoutman, they are actually referring to two separate buildings that, over the years, have been merged: the fort and the tower. That's right, the iconic 5-story, squared tower was not part of the original structure of the fort, and is actually called "Willem III Toren". Constructed in 1867,

this tower was named after the then-reigning king of The Netherlands, Willem III. Willem III Toren was originally a light tower, but after a request from Lieutenant Governor Jan Helenus in 1866, it also became a bell tower.

The fort itself was originally constructed to protect the commerce bay of Paardenbaai from pirates and other disreputable characters roaming the Caribbean Sea. Unlike the Willem III Toren, Fort Zoutman had a more tumultuous past, including the on-and-off reception of unwanted members of the English military several times (The Netherlands was at constant war with England back in the colonial era). Over the years, both the fort and

the tower had functioned as different government center points, including a tax and stamps office. For some time these two buildings also housed a police precinct and jail, and even experienced abandonment until the Cultural Center Aruba Foundation (CCA) petitioned for its renovation in 1964, turning the site into the Historic Museum it currently is.

Despite its small size, The Historic Museum guards a rich depository of the commercial, military and social history of Oranjestad, offering a glance into how the social culture of the town came to be. If you are interested in history and want to learn more about Aruba, then Fort Zoutman should definitely be



included into your itinerary. The museum is open Monday to Friday from 9am-6pm, and Saturday from 10am-2pm.

Source: The Old Fort of Aruba by Jan Hartog.

Easter on Aruba: A tradition of camping

ORANJESTAD—You may notice this Sunday families setting up trailers and tents on the outskirts of beaches around the island. This is a long-standing tradition during Easter weekend, where families and friends gather in large groups and set up camp at the beach.

For this year, camping season starts on Sunday, March 24th and ends on April 7th, on Easter Day. This Aruban tradition may be nothing like what you're used to seeing. Though groups do sleep in tents and spend the entire week at their campsite, most sites have extra facilities. These facilities include trailer-kitchens and portable toilets, making camping much more comfortable—and perhaps even more luxurious. Though camping in itself is a general custom on the island, each family/group may have their own set of traditions and routines

when they go camping, like the Ras family from Paradera.

Before setting up camp, planning starts with procuring (legal) documents. These include camping permits given by the Police Corps (KPA) and contracts for toilet rentals. Do note that camping permits are especially important, because the police are bound to patrol the camping areas during the week. After obtaining a permit, groups assemble to look for and hold a spot at the beach. This is why you may notice some chairs, traffic cones or even ropes stretching across the beaches on Saturday or Sunday before camping week.

Next on the list is planning the menu. The Ras family usually plans hot dogs and burgers for Thursday, and fish for Good Friday. Other than that, soup is a must, chicken and rice (Arroz con pollo) is an Aruban favorite,

and for the kids, snacks like pastechi (meat pies), kroket (croquettes), cheese balls, and deviled eggs are necessary to keep them full and energized while they play all day in the blazing sun. When camping with extended family or friends, usually everyone pitches in with food and drinks. As the Ras family matriarch said: "There always someone in the kitchen cooking something up."

In terms of camp activities, these can also vary from group to group, but one activity you will not miss anywhere is dominos. Usually, every camp site has one or two domino tables ready for use, where the men usually gather and play for hours. Other than that, both children and adults play 'Mens Erger Je Niet' (Ludo), Bingo and other board games, or go fishing with lines and nets. On Easter Sunday, the main activity for everyone, and especially the children, is egg hunting.

The Ras family matriarch told our reporter that the children traditionally decorate their own eggs before



these are hidden around the camping site. They make sure to boil these eggs first, so that no messy accidents happen when painting these. After the kids find their eggs, they are usually cracked open and eaten. But the fun of egg hunting is not exclusive to children; adults may also participate too. For this, the Ras family sometimes hid golden eggs around the area, each holding big prizes, like a bottle of wine, money etc.

Besides this, families on the island may celebrate Easter weekend by walking the "Caminda di Cruz" (Sorrowful Way or Via Dolorosa) to the Alto Vista Chapel located in the northern part of the island or by going to the 3 o'clock church sermon. Some groups that

do not go to church but still want to pay respect on Good Friday may hold a moment of silence when the clock strikes 3pm.

And after two weeks of camping, this tradition comes to a close for the rest of the year. Groups deconstruct their sites and leave the beach premises, excited for next Easter, where they can set up camp again and enjoy the feeling of community on the beaches of Aruba.

As said before, camping during Easter vacation is a long-standing tradition for the community of Aruba. This is something that almost everyone on the island grew up with, and it remains a special occasion that feels authentic and our own! □



Prohibited by law: leaving the island with seashells, white sand or corals

(Oranjestad)—Often times, the customs department at the airport intercepts many tourists leaving the island with seashells, white sand and/or corals as souvenirs.

Conforming to the international treaty of CITES and our local law which protects our Flora & Fauna, it is absolutely prohibited to take any seashell, sand and coral outside of Aruba. This is to protect our environment. The high number of seashells, coral and amount of sand confiscated is very strange and it is suspected that our own locals are the ones selling these to the tourists, which is unacceptable.

Upon confiscation at the airport, you can also face a fine that they have to pay before leaving. This is surely not a pleasant experience for the tourist. This also leads to a negative reaction which can put our tourism in a negative light.

Though we love to accommodate our visitors, let's all give nature the respect it deserves by protecting our environment. Stop collecting seashells, white sand and corals from our shores and stop buying or accepting these from local sellers or companies.

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Meet our Aruban trailblazers: Padu Lampe

(Oranjestad)—This week we remember one of our most beloved Aruban giant, Juan Chabaya Lampe—better known as Padu Lampe or Padu del Caribe. As one of the most important and renowned artists in the Aruban cultural sphere, Padu's long career led him to be honored today as "the father of culture."

On April 26th, 1920, Juan Chabaya Lampe "Padu Lampe/Padu del Caribe" was born in Nassaustraat, Oranjestad. He grew up in a happy musical environment, and it is because of this that he developed a love for music. Starting from the age of 12, he was agile in the clarinet, mandolin and cuatro. Henry Lampe, his father, was also a well-known pianist and musician.

In a publication of the informative seminar, "Observer", from august 1st, 1962,



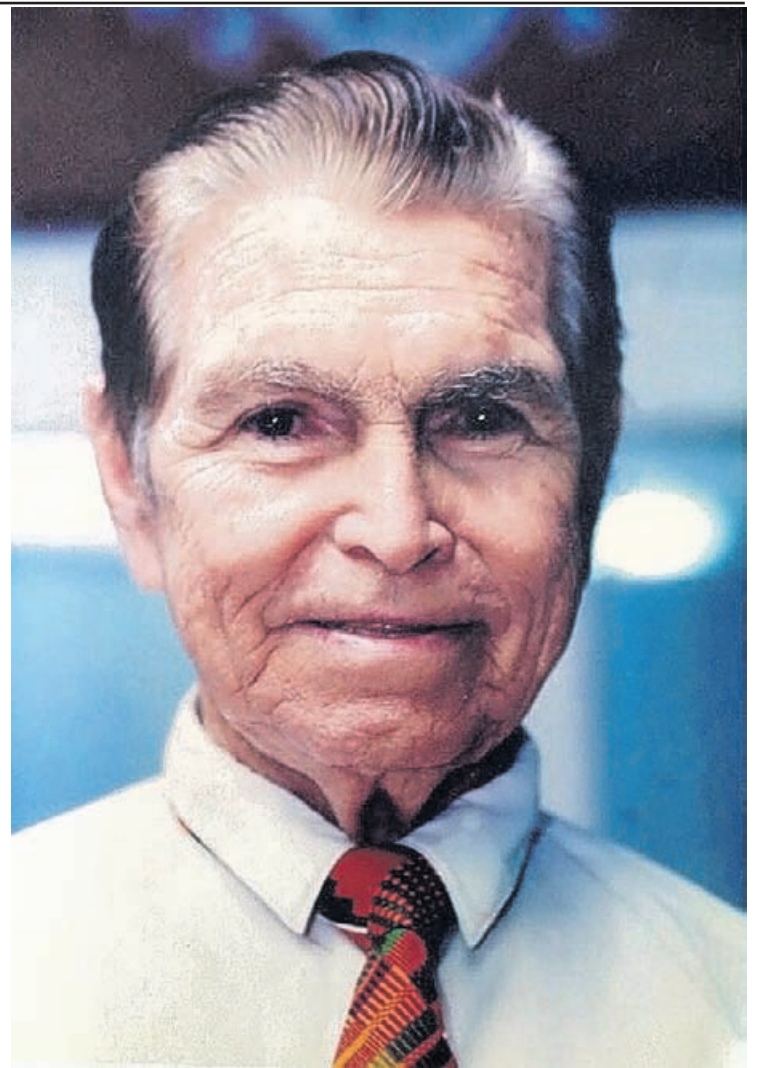
Padu's many merits and friendly personality stood out. It was said that he was an excellent pianist with a personal style and full of surprises. Secondly, though the composer was not too familiar with music theory, he showed innovations in his compositions. Lastly, Padu was a promoter of Creole music around the world.

One of the most important moments in Aruban history,

in which he was able to witness first-hand, was the first radio broadcast on the island on March 20th, 1954. Here, he was accompanied by Antillean guitarist Julian Coco and Hubert "Loi" Booi.

In the art world, Padu was also a known painter. During his youth, he made several painting using his unique style. In 1939, he participated in an art exhibit in New York, where he won a bronze medal for his painting "Typical View of Aruba."

Padu remained a popular artist within the Dutch Antilles and the Caribbean as a pianist, singer, author and painter. Padu Lampe was a local artist who became renowned in Venezuela, Colombia, The U.S. and The Netherlands too. In the 1950s, he sold no less than 50 thousand copies of his long-playing albums (LPs). Padu Lampe was a multifaceted artist, inspired by his interest in parapsychology and supernatural phenomenon. He wrote three books in Papiamentu on the subject in 1986, which was published by the Aruban National Printing Press with sponsorship provided by the Prince Bernhard Funds Netherlands Antilles. Besides that, Padu passed his exam on "Society to Advanced Ethical Hypnosis" in 1964 in New Jersey. He received a certificate as a hypnotechnician, which gave him the authority to



practice hypnosis in some states.

Over the course of his career, he received many accolades and awards in Aruba, Curacao, Venezuela and the Netherlands. Padu del Caribe passed away on November 29th, 2019, at the age of 99 years old. Padu brought the Aruban culture around the world. His legacy will remain ingrained in the Aruban cultural history, and he will be known forever as one of the most influential trailblazers of our community.

Padu will always be in Aruba's heart, because he had composed various

special songs dedicated to the mothers of the island; his song "Sonrisa di un baby" ("A baby's Smile") has been written in three different languages. Padu also wrote our national anthem "Aruba Dushi Tera", along with Mr. Rufo Wever. This song was approved by the government of Aruba and was named the official anthem of the island in 1976.

Other songs that have been considered as being almost a second anthem for Arubans is the special composition he wrote for his wife Daisy Croes called "Abo so". Daisy later passed away in 1994. □



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Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size
It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba;

Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam

Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □

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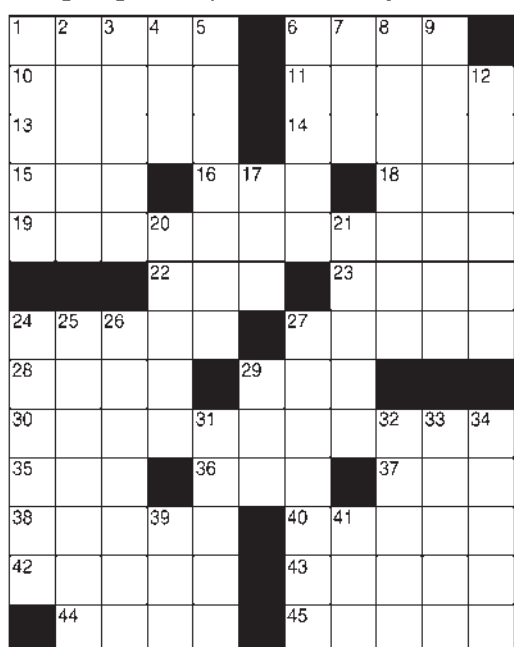
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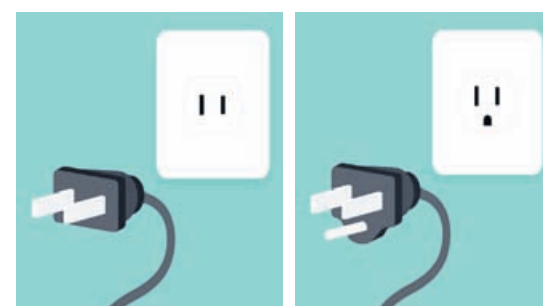
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Gray divorce: 10 financial and tax issues you must know after 50



This Oct. 24, 2016 file photo shows dollar bills in New York. Associated Press

Sheryl Rowling of Morningstar

Beyond the emotional strain of a "gray divorce," managing your finances is critical. The first step is hiring an experienced divorce attorney. Although it might be tempting to avoid legal fees, going without professional guidance could cost you more in the long run. Additionally, understanding the key financial and tax issues that come with gray divorce is essential. 1) How to budget after divorce

The cash flow you had while you were married supported one household. After a divorce, that available income stream will need to fund two households. At best, you can expect your income to be cut in half.

Granted, you only have to cover your own personal expenses, but some expenses, like housing, insurance, and medical expenses, could exceed 50% of your married costs.

Start with calculating a spending budget. To begin, itemize your fixed costs: things like rent, car payments, insurance, groceries, and utilities. Your variable expenses, such as travel,

restaurants, and gifts, can be adjusted based on your available income.

As your post divorce lifestyle becomes more certain, you can revise that budget.

2) Selling the house and downsizing after divorce

After a late-life divorce, you might be thinking that you'd like to keep the family home. This could be a double-edged sword. Keeping all the equity in the house means you'll get less of the other assets.

Also, the cost of maintaining a large home along with assuming a mortgage could squeeze your budget. Do you really want to be house-poor to keep a residence that might be too big for you?

3) Social Security divorce benefits

If you were married at least 10 years, your Social Security benefit will be the greater of your own benefit or half of your ex-spouse's benefit. Certainly, if this makes a difference for you, consider the timing of your gray divorce. For example, if you've been married for nine and a half years, you might want to delay the final decree for six months.

Additionally, if you are approaching age 62 (or older), you have a choice of taking benefits early for less of an ongoing monthly benefit or delaying to increase your monthly benefit. Your personal financial situation and life expectancy will be the primary decision-making

factors.

4) Working after divorce
If you will be short on cash flow, returning to (or continuing) work might be a good solution. Depending on your shortfall, it might not be necessary to hold down a high-level full-time job. Many semiretired people supplement their income with substitute teaching, house- and dog-sitting, and other part-time work.

Whether you continue your regular job or pursue something less demanding, there's a big advantage to bringing in income: You might be able to delay drawing from your investments.

5) Long-term-care insurance after divorce

When you are on your own, long-term-care coverage

is important. This insurance will be less expensive and easier to obtain when you are younger (under age 60) and healthy. If you're not able to afford premiums, consider opting for a longer waiting period of 180 or 360 days. Paying for long-term care for six months to a year can be more easily handled than having to cover care for many years. □

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In Year 20, the Spurs' Chris Paul starts all 82 games. And he made some history in the process

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

In Year 20, Chris Paul started all 82. And he made some NBA history in the process. Paul was in the San Antonio Spurs' starting lineup for their season finale on Sunday, making him the first player to ever make 82 starts this deep into a career. The previous mark on that front was held by Utah's John Stockton, who started all 82 games in his 19th and final season. Paul — who turns 40 in less than a month — is one of three players to have a season with 82 appearances at his age. Stockton did it in the seasons where he turned 39 and 40, and Michael Jordan turned 39 in his final season while playing in all 82 games and starting 67 of them.

"It's crazy," Paul said. "I was talking to my wife about this. When you're sort of in it, you're not really thinking about it. It's like, 'OK, it's Game 30. OK, it's Game 40 something. It's game such and such.'"

It became Game 82. And Paul never missed a beat. He's one of six players who made 82 starts in this NBA regular season, which was ending Sunday. The others: New York's Mikal Bridges, Minnesota's Jaden McDaniels, Houston's Jalen Green, Cleveland's Jarrett Allen and Paul's San Antonio teammate Harrison Barnes.



San Antonio Spurs forward Harrison Barnes (40) sets a pick as guard Chris Paul (3) moves the ball while defended by Golden State Warriors guard Brandin Podziemski during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in San Francisco.

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With Paul, Barnes and Julian Champagnie, the Spurs became the first team since the 2017-18 Minnesota Timberwolves with at least three players to appear in 82 games.

For Barnes, who is in his first year with the Spurs, Sunday's game was his 304th in a row. He and Paul are the first Spurs to play all 82 games since Bryn Forbes and Patty Mills in 2018-19 — and the first Spurs to start all 82 games since Bruce Bowen in 2006-07.

"Year 20, this is only the second time in my career playing 82 games," Paul said.

"And also playing as long as I have, I think I know how hard it is. That's why I have so much respect for Harrison, who is doing this for the third year in a row. And Mikal, who was my teammate, he never misses a game."

Bridges was playing in his 556th consecutive regular-season game Sunday — out of a possible 556. He hasn't missed any game since his junior year of high school, including 116 at Villanova and 39 NBA playoff games. Add that up, and he's played in 711 consecutive games since entering

college. The Knicks held out four starters for a meaningless game standings-wise Sunday. Bridges was the exception.

"I think he's earned that right," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "It's a tribute to him. I think he's worked hard to put himself in that position. I've said this before: He should be commended for it."

Bridges played the first six seconds to extend the streak Sunday, took a foul, got subbed out by Landry Shamet and went to the bench. (He did something similar in the final game of

the 2023-24 season, playing four seconds for Brooklyn against Philadelphia on the last day.) It happened elsewhere, too: Allen played 41 seconds for Cleveland on Sunday to get to 82 starts, then was subbed out.

Sacramento's Jonas Valanciunas appeared in 81 games this season, not 82, with a big caveat — he was inactive for two teams on the same day, which is the only reason why he didn't get to 82 this season. Valanciunas was traded by Washington to the Kings on Feb. 5; he appeared that night as inactive for both of those teams on the official NBA boxscores because the trade was pending.

He played on Feb. 6 for the Kings and hasn't missed a game since.

Paul was the 11th player in NBA history to make it to 20 seasons in the league. LeBron James, if he plays next year as would be expected, will then become the first to make it to 23 seasons in the league, breaking the tie with 22-year player Vince Carter. Robert Parish, Kevin Garnett, Dirk Nowitzki and Kevin Willis all played 21 NBA seasons, which Paul will get to next year if he — again, as expected — returns. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Kobe Bryant, Jamal Crawford and Udonis Haslem all played 20 seasons, a club that Kyle Lowry will join next season. □



United States' Lee Stecklein, right, celebrates with teammates after scoring her sides first goal during the group A match between United States and Canada at the Women's Ice Hockey Championships in Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic, Sunday, April 13, 2025.

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CESKE BUDEJOVICE, Czech Republic (AP) — The United

U.S. downs defending champion Canada 2-1 to stay perfect at women's hockey worlds

States downed defending champion Canada 2-1 at the women's hockey world championship on Sunday in a matchup of the game's global powers.

Lee Stecklein and Megan Keller scored for the Americans who made it three wins from three in Group A. U.S. goalie Aerin Frankel made 18 saves.

Laura Stacey got the lone goal for Canada and captain Marie-Philip Poulin recorded her fifth assist in the tournament to top the scoring table with six points.

"We played like a team today," U.S. head coach John Wroblewski said. "It's games like this that you have to grind out and from puck drop to final whistle we did just that."

Stecklein wristed a shot high into the net from the point to put the Americans 1-0 ahead 10:36 into the opening period.

It was the second goal at the tournament for the defenseman who took the past year off to focus on her PWHL career.

Keller made it 2-0 in the

middle period after skating from the neutral zone to the slot before netting past Ann-Renee Desbiens with 7:38 to go.

Stacey scored on a breakaway 6:50 into the final period.

The U.S. previously routed Finland 7-1 and shut out the Czechs 4-0. Canada had recorded two shutout wins, blanking Finland 5-0 and Switzerland 4-0.

Canada has won 13 world titles, followed by the U.S. with 10, in the previous 23 tournaments. □

Rory McIlroy wins Masters playoff to complete the career Grand Slam

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Rory McIlroy turned another major collapse into his grandest moment of all, hitting a wedge into 3 feet for birdie in a sudden-death playoff Sunday to finally win the Masters and take his place in golf history as the sixth player to claim the career Grand Slam.

What should have been a coronation for McIlroy along the back nine at Augusta National turned into a heart-racing, lead-changing jaw-dropping finish at golf's greatest theater that ended with McIlroy on his knees sobbing with joy and disbelief.

"I started to wonder if it would ever be my time," McIlroy said in Butler Cabin before Scottie Scheffler helped him into the green jacket.

It ended with more heartache for Justin Rose, who lost to Sergio Garcia in a playoff in 2017 and forced this one with a clutch 20-foot birdie on the 18th hole for a 6-under 66. He wound up joining Ben Hogan as the only players to lose twice in playoffs at Augusta National.

McIlroy lost a two-shot lead in two holes at the start. He lost a four-shot lead on the back nine in a matter of three holes with shocking misses, one of them a wedge into the tributary of Rae's Creek on the par-5 13th.

And right when it looked as though he would blow another major, McIlroy delivered two majestic shots when nothing less would do, two birdies that sent him to the 18th hole with a one-shot lead. That still wasn't enough. He missed a 5-foot par putt for a 1-over 73 and the first Masters playoff in eight years. McIlroy's wedge bounced onto the slope of the top shelf with enough spin to trickle down to 3 feet. And when Rose missed from 15 feet, McIlroy finally sealed it.

McIlroy went 11 long years without a major, knowing the Masters green jacket was all that kept him from joining Tiger Woods, Jack

Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen as the only winners of golf's four professional majors.

He raised both arms and let the putter fall behind him, and before long he was on his knees, then his forehead on the 18th green as his chest heaved with emotion.

So ended one of the wildest Sundays at a major that is known for them. U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau, who beat McIlroy at Pinehurst No. 2 last June, had the lead after two holes when McIlroy opened with a double bogey.

He crashed out with a pair of three-putts and two shots into the water on the back nine, closing with a 75.

Ludvig Aberg, a runner-up in his Masters debut a year

ago, suddenly had a share of the lead when McIlroy fell apart on the middle of the back nine. He missed a birdie putt from the fringe to take the lead, then finished bogey-triple bogey. Rose had every reason to believe he threw away his chances on Saturday with a 75 that put him seven shots behind, and then two bogeys on the front nine. Even as he steadied himself, he was four shots back and running out of time. He did his part in a 10-birdie round and that dynamic birdie putt to cap it off. McIlroy helped in a big way.

Nothing was more shocking than the 13th. McIlroy played it safe, leaving himself a big target and a lob wedge. He missed his mark by some 20 yards, the ball



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, reacts after winning in a playoff against Justin Rose after the final round at the Masters golf tournament, Sunday, April 13, 2025, in Augusta, Ga.

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disappearing into the tributary of Rae's Creek and leading to double bogey. Then came a tee shot into the pine straw that led to another bogey, and the lead was gone again. But

he was resilient as ever — he's been like that his entire career. Seemingly in trouble left of the 15th fairway, McIlroy hit 7-iron around the trees and onto the green to 6 feet. □



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